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Army enlistment bonus for translator aides now \$10,000

FORT KNOX, Ky. – The U.S. Army has increased the enlistment bonus to \$10,000 for eligible individuals who speak certain Middle-Eastern languages and enlist as translator aides in the U.S. Army Individual Ready Reserve. Previously, new recruits were eligible for a \$7,000 enlistment bonus.

Candidates must be between the ages of 18 and 40 and be citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents of the United States. All applicants will be tested on their ability to speak any of a variety of Middle-Eastern languages.

Recruits receive nine weeks of basic training, advanced training for their specific job as a translator aide, and in some cases they will be sent to school for improving their English skills. All translator aides qualify for advanced rank and may also be eligible for expedited U.S. citizenship. Following training, Soldiers will be reassigned from the training base to the IRR – an unpaid status – until they receive an assignment to a unit. Soldiers will receive the \$10,000 lump-sum payment of the enlistment bonus after the successful completion of all required training.

The translator aide program is part of the U.S. Army's effort to enlist and train people to help with rebuilding efforts in the Middle East. The primary role of translator aides is to translate written and spoken foreign language material into and from English. These skills are instrumental in the daily operations and rebuilding efforts in which the Army is participating in the Middle East.

Individuals who would like more information on becoming a translator aide in the IRR may visit their local Army Reserve recruiter, call the Army's Arabic recruiting specialist toll-free at (866) 635-8450 or log on at <http://arabic.goarmy.com>.

Languages/dialects eligible for enlistment into the 09L Middle Eastern Translator Aide program are listed below.

Language/Dialect
Arabic-Modern Standard
Arabic-Gulf-Iraqi
Arabic-Egyptian
Arabic-Jordanian
Arabic-Syrian
Arabic-Lebanese
Arabic-Yemeni
Arabic-Sudabese
Arabic-Maghrebi
Arabic-Algerian
Arabic-Libyan
Arabic-Moroccan
Arabic-Tunisian
Pushtu/Pashto/Pachto
Pushtu-Afghan
Kurdish
Kurdish-Behdini (Kurmanji)
Kurdish-Sorani
Persian-Afghan (Dari)
Persian-Iranian (Farsi)